

REMARKS

Pursuant to the non-final Office Action mailed May 11, 2009, the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as previously filed February 12, 2009 has been entered. Claim 7 has been rejected by the present Office Action, and claims 1 - 6, 8 - 29, and 38 have been allowed. After entry of the present amendment, claims 1 - 29 and 38 remain pending in the application. The present amendment amends independent claim 7 to clarify the scope of the claimed invention of claim 7. Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the present non-final Office Action, claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claim 7 has been amended to clarify the scope of the claimed invention in claim 7. In particular, claim 7 has been amended to clarify that that the claimed invention of claim 7 is a “computer program stored on a computer-readable medium, the computer program operable to execute on a computer system operable for check entry” (emphasis supplied). The claim is also amended to clarify that the computer program comprises “at least one check entry module comprising: computer code stored on the computer-readable medium, the computer code configured to instruct a user to replace the separator symbols within an original MICR format check identifier with non-numeric keyboard replacement symbols, thereby obtaining a substitute check identifier, the original MICR format check identifier comprising numeric fields separated by the separator symbols, and the substitute check identifier comprising the numeric fields separated by the non-numeric replacement symbols; and computer code stored on the computer-readable medium, the computer code configured to instruct the user to enter the substitute check identifier into at least one of a computer system and a telephone system.” (emphasis supplied). By the present amendments, the claimed computer-readable medium is believed to be encoded with a computer program that defines certain structural and functional interrelationships between the computer and the program, and the computer is believed to be capable of executing the program, allowing the

program's functionality to be realized. Amended claim 7 is now believed to be statutory, and the claim rejection is believed to be traversed.

CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029. If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would facilitate the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the Attorney for the Assignee at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



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